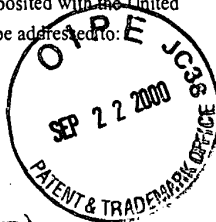


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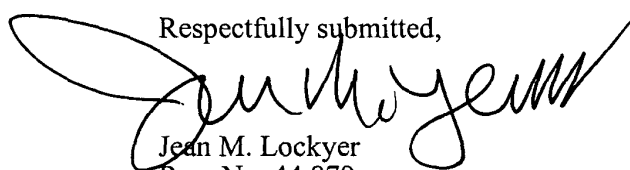
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2000, for three months, from June 15, 2000, to September 15, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a(n) Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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